

FW: Threat Insight on Convoy

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Hi s.38

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As requested please find attached a summary of key points the latest substack articles from Jessica Davis on the ongoing protest/situation. Many thanks to s.38 for the quick turnaround and excellent summary.

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- ~ GoFundMe campaign
 - ~ On February 4th, 2022, GFM cancelled the fundraiser and is issuing refunds, citing breaches to its terms of service - specifically section 8 from their terms of service, "which prohibits the promotion of violence and harassment". GFM previously released \$1 million on Jan. 27, 2022, to the campaign's bulk fuel supplier. Of note, no identity verification available through publicly-available information on donors, although GFM and its payment processors (Paypal, Stripe, etc.) have this information through financial transaction information
- ~ GiveSendGo campaign
 - ~ With the cancellation of the main GFM campaign, the organizers established a separate GiveSendGo campaign (in addition to the one established by Garrah), and it has since raised over \$4 million dollars, with a final goal of \$16 million. The GiveSendGo campaign indicates that funds will be dispersed to a registered not-for-profit corporation, Freedom 2022 Human Rights and Freedoms. For context, GiveSendGo is a Christian crowdfunding site that was implicated in financing for the January 6th insurrection at the US Capitol. Similar to the GFM campaign, this crowdfunding campaign includes donations from anonymous donors, and no identity verification for the public-facing names of donors
- ~ Bitcoin and Crypto crowdfunding
 - ~ An organizer of the convoy and GFM previously commented that the convoy might need to raise money using Bitcoin, possibly in response to the review & freeze of GFM. As of yet, two Bitcoin fundraisers appear to have been established for the protest, although the relationship to the protest organizers and whether funds have been dispersed to them remains unclear. The current combined value of the wallets is approximately US\$30,000
- ~ Direct donations
 - ~ Organizers have solicited direct donations through EMTs to the address tbofconvoy2022@protonmail.com, which is likely a source of funds for the protest considering direct donations to the protest organizers would allow for immediate disbursement of funds for food, fuel, and lodging, but would also open them up to additional scrutiny by their banks
- ~ Corporate structure of Not-for-Profit
 - ~ Considering the funds raised from the crowdfunding campaign will be dispersed to a not-for-profit corporation, it's important to note that not-for-profits can't issue tax receipts like charities can, and are subject to far less scrutiny, as well as separating individual liability from the activities of the corporation
 - ~ None of the main organizers of the convoy and crowdfunding campaigns are listed as directors for the corporation. The purpose of the organization is listed in its articles of

incorporation: Advocacy against government, agents of government and any other organization person or individuals' actions, laws, policies and practices that violate human rights and freedoms paying special attention to creation of class systems through mandates, social credit systems (rewards and punishments for government compliance), passport systems and more.

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Some of the general assessments from earlier articles are outdated now, but ones that remain relevant include:

- ~ The GiveSendGo campaign has raised over \$4 million dollars, and, based on the previous campaign, we can expect this crowdfunding campaign to grow further, potentially even reaching the \$16 million goal established by the organizers.
- ~ The establishment of the not-for-profit corporation is consistent with the messaging that an iteration of the protest will continue into spring and summer.
- ~ As well, the difference between organizational and operational financing is increasingly becoming visible in the context of the convoy, with the large crowdfunding campaigns appearing to largely be propaganda instruments at the moment, meant to galvanize crowds and supporters. They may yet turn into an important source of funds sustaining the movement longer term, provided those funds are released. Operationally, in terms of direct convoy support, funds seem to be coming from other sources. While we don't have good visibility on that, I suspect much of these funds are coming in the way of direct donations to the main organizers through the email addresses being shared online
- ~ I suspect that funds will continue to flow to organizers directly in order to continue to supply the occupation in a timely manner and with less oversight than is required for corporations. At the moment, the not for profit appears to have been established as a vehicle for the crowdfunding campaign disbursements and to give the protest the veneer of legitimacy, at least in the eyes of the banking community.

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Hope this helps!

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Could you collect the latest substack articles from Jessica Davis on the ongoing protest/situation for me? Annette is asking if we have a few bullet son what she has been saying as she finds her work to very balanced.

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